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SUBJECT: TORRIJOS ON PRESIDENT CARTER VISIT TO PANAMA

1. DURING A SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF INAUGURATION OF A LOW-INCOME HOUSING PROJECT IN PANAMA CITY ON APRIL 21, GENERAL TORRIJOS HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY REGARDING THE EXPECTED VISIT HERE BY PRESIDENT CARTER: "ON MAY 12...WE HAVE INVITED PRESIDENT CARTER-- AND WHEN I INVITED HIM I KNEW THAT YOU TOO WOULD HAVE INVITED HIM. HE IS GOING TO SPEND SEVERAL HOURS WITH US..SO THAT HE CAN GET TO KNOW THIS COUNTRY, SO THAT HE CAN GET TO KNOW THE SOUL OF THIS PEOPLE AND SO THAT HE CAN FEEL THE SATISFACTION FELT BY ALL HONORABLE LEADERS FOR BEING THE PROMOTER OF THE BEGINNING OF THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS OF A PEOPLE WHO WERE NO LONGER GOING TO ACCEPT BEING A COLONY...I WOULD LIKE TO ASK...THAT EACH ONE OF YOU BE PRESENT TO WELCOME A MAN WHO JUMPED WITH ONLY THE PARACHUTE OF DIGNITY AND WHO LANDED IN A GOOD SPOT. THE MAN WAS COURAGEOUS. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO ASK HIM TO BRING ALL THE SENATORS WHO AT ALL TIMES RESPECTED THE DIGNITY OF THIS
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PEOPLE AND WHO ARE THE GREAT LEADERS WHO FELT ASHAMED THAT THE MILITARY POWER OF THAT COUNTRY WOULD SERVE TO MAINTAIN A COLONY. WE SHOULD APPLAUD ALL THOSE MEN WHOM WE LISTENED TO EVERY DAY AND WHO GAVE US SUFFICIENT ENCOURAGEMENT TO CONTINUE STRUGGLING, THOSE WHO MADE POSSIBLE THE FACT THAT TODAY THE 78,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS HAVE

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NOT BEEN CONVERTED INTO AN AREA OF TERRORISM AND GUERRILLAS. WE SHOULD BE PRESENT THE DAY THEY ARRIVE."

2. SPEECH WAS BROADCAST LIVE ON GOP RADIO. TEXT FBIS/PANAMA PA 211748Y.
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